HEROIN AND OTHER ILLICIT DRUG TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES

March 27, 2014
La Crosse County, Law Enforcement Center, 333 Vine St., Room 1615
1:00pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Keith Lease, Laura Runchey, Tom Tornstrom, Shawn Kudron, Barbara Dalton, Vicki Burke, Megan Devore, Pat Ruda for Ted Thompson and Emily Lodoen

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Monica Kruse, Mike Desmond, Emily Whitney

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dean Whiteway, Joe Chilsen, Steve Helgeson, Gregg Cleveland, Chris Eberlein

OTHERS PRESENT: Ryan Yakowicz, Mackenzie Helf, Jamie Korn, Brad Williams (WIZM), Jane Klekamp, Libby Jacobs, Rachael Garbers, Lacie Ketelhut, Quinn Devlin, Al Bliss, Anne Jungen, Jenn Timm, Christine Henson, Brittany Schmidt (WKBT News 8) and Candice Herman.

CALL TO ORDER
Keith Lease, Committee Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00pm

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT
Reviewed and approved March 13 meeting minutes.

Tara Johnson, La Crosse County Board Chair recognized the task force for their work over the past six months and their accomplishments. Certificates of appreciated were distributed and refreshments were provided.

Christine Henson, widow of John Steers, former La Crosse County Medical Examiner, presented a donation to the task force in honor of Mr. Steer’s work. A special thanks to John Steers for the provision of over dose deaths statistics provided to the various task forces including work in alcohol and heroin/opioid/prescription drugs. John recently passed away in February 2014 and has provided a financial donation to go towards the work of the Heroin and Other Illicit Drug Task Force. Thank you John and Christine for all you have done!

Al passed the draft of the task force recommendations and Keith asked for their remarks and any edits to be returned to Al by April 3. The task force did approve the current draft with the understanding of some minor changes. Al will update and provide any revisions so they can be approved by the Criminal Justice Management Council on April 16.

Keith explained that the task force still plans to meet and divided into five subgroups with members listed below. If you are interested in serving on a subgroup or two, please let Al know so that you can meet within the next month with your members. You do not have to be on the task force to be active on a subgroup. The task force decided that they will meet on a quarterly basis and subgroups would meet monthly. The next task force meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 29 from 1-2:30pm at the Law Enforcement Center Building in room 1615. We also assigned chairs and co-chairs to the subgroups, so please check with your chair when your committee is meeting next (preferably before May 29). Also, please let Al know if you have interest in chairing or co-chairing a group! The subgroups will work on their perspective strategies.

Reduce Access to Drugs/Inappropriate Prescription Drug Use
Co-chairs: Ryan Yakowicz and Shawn Kudron
Lacie Ketelhut, Vicki Burke, Lisa Meyer, Quinn Devlin, and recommended Dr. Fassbinder and or Deb Day (contact is Jenn Timm, La Crosse County Integrated Recovery Health Services)

**Substance Abuse Prevention**
Co-chairs: Emily Whitney and Al Bliss
Barb Dalton, Emily Lodoen, Jason Korn, Erica Wherry (recommended) and Ryan Yakowicz

**Early Intervention to Treatment and Recovery**
Chair: Keith Lease
Rachael Garbers, Pat Ruda, Lacie Ketelhut, Jane Klekamp, and Nancy Pohlman (from CPS, recommended)

**Improve Mental Health Care**
Chair: Mike Desmond
Rachael Garbers, Lacie Ketelhut, and Jenn Timm

**Improve Overdose Interventions**
Co-chairs: Chris Eberlein and Tom Tornstrom
Laura Runchey, Steve Helgeson (recommended), and Al Bliss

Please note that you may have been recommended or nominated to serve on a subgroup and you can determine what subgroup and interest you have. Please let Al know by April 10 of your decision. Also, your chair should be contacting you regarding your upcoming subgroup meeting.

**Next Heroin and Illicit Drug Task Force Meeting of the Whole is Thursday, May 31 from 1-2:30pm at the law Enforcement Center Building located at 333 Vine Street in La Crosse, Room 1615.**

**TRAVEL REQUESTS (INFORMATIONAL) AND TRAVEL REPORTS**
None presented.

**ADJOURNMENT**
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:30pm. The above minutes may be approved, amended, or corrected at the next Committee meeting. (Two pages)

Al Bliss, Recorder